

iArt: Competition Information for Schools

At a glance

- **Who can enter:** IAPS member schools
- **Maximum entries:** Two per age category (maximum 10 entries total)
- **Theme:** Transformation
- **Entries open:** Monday 18 January 2027
- **Deadline:** Noon, Wednesday 17 March 2027
- **Submit via:** IAPS website [insert link]
- **Contact:** competitions@iaps.uk

Eligibility

To take part, schools must:

1. Be a member of IAPS.
2. Enter up to two pieces of art work per age category.
3. Ensure entries are the individual work of a single pupil, created during the 2026–2027 academic year.
4. Group work will not be accepted.
5. Once submitted, entries cannot be edited, altered, or replaced.
6. By entering, schools give permission for artwork photographs and pupil details (first name, school, year group) to be shared on the IAPS website and on social media, should the artwork be shortlisted.
7. Copyright of all entries remains with the artist.
8. For privacy queries, please contact the Sport and Pupil Experience Team at competitions@iaps.uk.
9. Please read our [privacy notice](#) for further details.

Age categories

There are five categories for the competition:

1. Years 1 & 2
2. Years 3 & 4
3. Years 5 & 6
4. Years 7 & 8
5. Years 9, 10 & 11

Competition theme: “Transformation”

All submissions must relate in some way to the theme for this year's competition:

Transformation

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This theme is of course open to the interpretation of the entrants. The aim of the theme is to make the competition cohesive and encourage pupils to be imaginative.

Competition timeline

- Competition opens: **Monday 18 January 2027**
- Submission deadline: **Wednesday 17 March 2027**
- Winners announced: **by Monday 10 May 2027**
- Prizegiving evening: **June 2027** (more information to follow)

Types of artworks accepted

There is no set format for entries and artwork can be submitted in any medium.

Submissions can be paintings, drawings or models, of any size and using any art supplies.

While we encourage pupils to create original artwork, pupils – and particularly, younger pupils – should feel free to paint / draw / create something which reminds them of the theme.

Submitting entries

Entries must be submitted online using the submission form. Staff should use their own login details when submitting entries. If you have not used the IAPS website before, you will need to register first by completing the registration form on the site.

You must submit two photographs with your entry:

- The artwork
- The pupil holding or standing alongside their artwork

Photographs should:

- Fill the frame with the artwork as much as possible
- Be at least 3,000 pixels on the longest edge
- Have all names, school details, and identifying information removed from the image

These photographs will be used by IAPS to create hard copy prints for the winners.

Judging process

We encourage pupils to be as imaginative as possible, entries will be judged on:

- Interpretation of the theme
- Creativity in exploring the theme
- Overall design and presentation
- That indefinable quality that draws you in and makes the artwork memorable

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Artwork will be shortlisted by IAPS Art Subject Advisor, Charlotte Bell, Head of Art at Caterham Prep and a judging panel of IAPS art teachers.

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each age category.

Winner and Prizegiving

Winners will receive:

- An A3 framed picture of their artwork to take home
- A voucher

The winners of each category will be invited to attend a prize-giving evening in June. Winning artworks will be displayed and prizes will be awarded at the event.

Contact

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